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## Labcon Awarded \$59.3 Million U.S Government Contract to Increase Domestic Production of Pipette Tips and Tubes.

Added U.S. capacity will ensure domestic customers vital sources of critical laboratory disposables.

**Labcon North America** (<http://www.labcon.com>), the world's leading manufacturer of Earth Friendly® laboratory disposables, announced today a \$59.3 million contract award from the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) on behalf of and in coordination with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The contract is for the domestic industrial base expansion of pipette tips and tubes manufacturing as a part of the supply chain for COVID-19 diagnostic testing.

Labcon's pipette tips and tubes, currently in production, have directly supported researchers developing COVID-19 vaccines while the tubes provide sterile airtight vessels for storage, testing and sample transport. This COVID-19 supply chain effort will allow Labcon to increase production capacity from 100 million to 236 million pipette tips per month. Tube production will increase from 27 million to approximately 58 million tubes per month by October 2025.

This expansion of capacity will occur in Petaluma, California and is expected to create dozens of new jobs in the Northern California region. "We are honored to be given this award at a critical time in the global pandemic and hope this effort by the U.S Government will better position the country for future pandemics." said Jim Happ, President of Labcon North America.

The U.S Department of Defense Assisted Acquisition (DA2) Cell led this effort in coordination with the U.S Department of the Air Force's Acquisition COVID-19 Task Force (DAF ACT). This effort was funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to enable and support domestic industrial base expansion for critical medical resources.

***Labcon** is the world's leading producer of low carbon laboratory disposables and was the first to market compostable plastics for laboratories. Labcon's focus on sustainable solutions for laboratories dates to 1994 with the first low carbon products. A UL-Certified ISO 9001:2015 company; Labcon North America is headquartered in the San Francisco Bay area.*